

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1841–S1873

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3952–3969, S.J. Res. 44, and S. Res. 567–571. **Page S1867**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 427, to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1866**

Measures Passed:

National Native Plant Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, designating April 2022 as “National Native Plant Month”. **Pages S1859–60**

Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 571, supporting the goals and ideals of Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month. **Page S1860**

Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act: Senate passed S. 3969, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium. **Page S1860**

Greek Independence 201st Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S1860**

BRIGHT Act: Senate passed S. 442, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products. **Pages S1860–61**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–27) **Page S1865**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–28) **Page S1865**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S1865**

Motion to Discharge Cook Nomination: By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S1847**

Weil Nomination—Cloture: By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. EX. 120), Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S1855**

Grundmann Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. **Pages S1855–56**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 121), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1856**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1856**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1856**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1856**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1856–57**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S1871**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 31, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4373, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; That at 11 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in the order listed; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Georgette Castner, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4373 ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1871**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 117), Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President

of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025. **Pages S1841–47, S1847–48**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 116), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1847**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 119), January Contreras, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S1848–55**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1848**

Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1872**

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

12 Army nominations in the rank of general.

34 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S1871–73**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Timmy T. Davis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Michael J. Lombardo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

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Nasser H. Paydar, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **Page S1871**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Pages S1847, S1871**

Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—123) Pages S1847–48, S1855–57

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1871.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, after receiving testimony from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine behavioral health care when Americans need it, focusing on ensuring parity and care integration, after receiving testimony from John Dicken, Director, Health Care-Public Health and Private Markets Issues, Government Accountability Office; Andy Keller, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, Dallas, Texas; Anna Ratzliff, University of Washington Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions, Seattle; and Reginald D. Williams II, Commonwealth Fund, Washington, D.C.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the assault on freedom of expression in Asia, after receiving testimony from Maria Ressa, Rappler, Manila, The Philippines; and Joey Siu, Hong Kong Watch, and Sarah Cook, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3677, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize

the President to provide professional counseling services to victims of emergencies declared under such Act;

S. 3875, to require the President to develop and maintain products that show the risk of natural hazards across the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3868, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3511, to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3903, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3650, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3655, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board;

S. 3904, to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3897, to require the reduction of the reliance and expenditures of the Federal Government on legacy information technology systems, with an amendment;

S. 3884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 U.S. Highway 41 North in Baraga, Michigan, as the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office";

S. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the "Ron Wright Post Office Building";

S. 3826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1304 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas, as the "Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building";

H.R. 735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 502 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, California, as the "Arturo L. Ibleto Post Office Building";

H.R. 1298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building";